

BROUGHT IN ENGLAND

London, 27th July.
A protracted drought prevails in many parts of England, and a severe famine is being experienced in various counties. The public fountains in many parts of London are reduced daily by the thirsty crowds.

FIRE AT LIVERPOOL

London, 31st July.
A destructive fire has occurred at Liverpool, in Devonshire, the damage being estimated at over £100,000.

ROWING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

London, 4th August.
Two men have just completed all previous records of foolhardy adventure by crossing the Atlantic from New York to Liverpool in a small rowing boat, with the aid of sails. The voyage occupied fifty-five days.

HERR ANDERSEN'S EXPEDITION

London, 18th August.
The balloon expedition has left Spitzbergen. It will return as far north as possible, and then attempt to reach the North Pole by means of a specially constructed balloon.

NORFOLK ISLAND

London, 24th July.
England has offered to hand over Norfolk Island to the control of New South Wales. Sydney Parliament now considering whether it is advisable to accept the responsibility. The majority of the members inclined to regard the island as a possible white elephant.

BREXIDE OF CAPE COLONY

London, 23rd July.
The question of annexing the Cape Colony for the defence of the Cape of Good Hope has been under consideration of a committee of the Cape House of Assembly, who have brought up a report recommending the strengthening of the present defence by the addition of 3,000 men, the estimated cost being £40,000 per annum.

THE TRANSVAAL RAID

London, 24th July.
A blue-book has just been issued by the Government of Cape Colony, giving details of the Parliamentary inquiry held into the action of Mr. Cecil Rhodes and the Chartered Company in connection with the raid into the Transvaal. It is shown that Mr. W. P. Schreiner, who was Attorney-General in Mr. Rhodes's Ministry, testified that on the 30th December last Mr. Rhodes said: "I am not going to respect my opponent. A fellow of twenty years has raised me."

London, 24th July.
The Cape House of Assembly has now usually adopted the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Transvaal raid. The report submitted by a majority of the committee is to the effect that the company was not responsible for the raid, and that the conduct was not consistent with its duty as Premier of Cape Colony, and further that, even if Dr. Rhodes was personally responsible for the raid, he is not responsible for the bad result. A charge has been given to cover the raid, and the raid was not a failure, and it was clear that this money was advanced by the Chartered Company.

London, 24th July.
From the inquiry made by the Select Committee it appears that the books of the Chartered Company show that changes were made in Mr. Rhodes's account of the raid, and that Mr. Rhodes's account may be the advance made by Mr. Wolff and Colonel White for the purposes of the raid. The London directors of the British South Africa Company have explained that before Dr. Rhodes's raid into the Transvaal an advance of £1,000 only had been advanced, and the board had decided to advance the balance of £1,000 in consequence of the charges made against him in connection with the raid.

London, 27th July.
At a crowded public meeting held at Cape Town, a resolution was passed urging the British South Africa Company to reinstate Mr. Cecil Rhodes as managing director, which position he recently resigned in consequence of the charges made against him in connection with the raid.

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Most of the leading men of Cape Colony were, however, absent from the meeting. In the case of Dr. Rhodes and his officers the jury found a verdict of guilty against the defendants on all the counts of the indictment, but added a rider to the effect that the state of affairs at Johannesburg had offered great provocation for undertaking the raid.

London, 30th July.
The German and French papers continue to be by no means complimentary to the report of the trial of Dr. Rhodes and his companions, the sentences being regarded as a shameful light. The whole proceeding is pronounced to be a palpable failure, and is designed as a step to appease the public conscience.

THE MATRONS' WAR

London, 29th July.
Major-General Sir Charles Carrington, Commander-in-Chief of the Cape Colony, has reported that the lack of men has hampered the rapid and effective crushing of the native rebellion, but if more men were sent to Matibeleland he would be enabled to lead them, and to the Matibeleland in transport caused by the cattle disease. All efforts are now being directed towards securing supplies of provisions and other requirements before the rainy season sets in.

THE MATRONS' WAR

London, 29th July.
The Parliamentary Committee which is to be appointed to inquire into the complexity of Mr. Rhodes and the British South Africa Company in the Transvaal raid, will also be directed to make inquiries as to the charges (that he) is considered desirable in the government of the territory under the control of the company.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Marie*, from Shanghai 20th August, had moderate E.N.E. breeze, fine clear and cloudy, with light S.W. wind. The Japanese steamer *Hirokuni Maru*, from Bombay 7th August, and *Tokushima Maru*, from Hongkong 12th, had light to moderate variable winds with fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Clara*, from San Francisco 30th July, Hongkong 6th August, Yokohama 18th, and Nagasaki 21st, had fine weather the entire passage, moderate N.E. to E.N.E. breeze, with light S.W. wind. On 12th, light S.W. wind, Aug. 24th at 12.45 p.m. 8.5 knots west of Ninko. Fine, passed an American ship bound west.

The British steamer *Galatia*, from Sydney 27th July, New York 2nd August, Townsville 6th, Cebu 10th, and Hongkong 12th, had light to moderate variable winds with fine weather throughout. The British steamer *Wendell*, from Hongkong 1st August, had light to moderate variable winds with fine weather throughout. The British steamer *Wendell*, from Hongkong 1st August, had light to moderate variable winds with fine weather throughout.

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